

**Shore cut**

**Iran airs first photos of British troops seized in Persian Gulf last week**

**Meralco income hit P13B in '06**

**Saudi king, key US ally, hits Iraq occupation, calls on West to end embargo on Palestine**

**Pasig shabu mart star witness reveals payoffs to cops**

**2 mayors suspended over lampost scam**

**By Jocelyn K. Uy**  
An Manila and Jolene R. Bulacaba  
Inquirer Staff

THE COMMISSIONER YESTERDAY SUSPENDED two mayors, and eight of their subordinates and five top officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways, for their alleged involvement in a scam involving lamp posts.

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**Alimony must continue even if Julia is now Julio**

**ELIZABETH FLORES**  
—A woman's sex change operation does not free her from bond from her alimony obligation, a judge ruled on Wednesday.  
Attorneys for



# Puno fumes over lapses

## Sacks Manila police chief; two other PNP officers suspended



**THE MAN WHO LOVED CHILDREN** Generalissimo "Jun" Ducut is now believed to be at the Manila Police District headquarters. The Police want to throw the book at him and his aide, Cesar Carabon, even as it warns the public against making him a hero.

**By Alvin Pope**

A LIVID INTERIOR SECRETARY Ronaldo Puno has ordered the relief of three Manila police commanders for lapses in procedure during the 10-hour hostage-taking of 26 children and four teachers on a bus the other day.

Puno also ordered the Philippine National Police to "turn the book" at hostage taker Armando "Jun" Ducut and his aide Cesar Carabon, saying they should be considered "terrorists" and "enemies as such."

He said the administrative relief of Manila Police District chief Senior Supt. Danilo Alarcas, 10PD Station 3 head Sgt. Neri Pineda and police precinct head Chief Insp. Bernabe Gaboncel would be in effect pending the results of an inquiry by the PNP leadership into how the police handled the hostage situation.

In two Manila whom Ducut, and reporters, are helping while the hostage-taker was talking about corruption in the government.

Because of Ducut's reaction, Ducut attempted to have the bus driven by Carabon from the Manila City Hall to Makati.

"Frankly, I'm not very happy about the way these things were handled," Puno fumed.



**HERO to the Mambo Dancers Center in Puris Compound in Tondo and their parents, they rally for their benefactor Ducut who was shot the hostage-taker.**

## Illegal detention, gun charges filed vs Ducat

**By Tito G. Sarmas, Leticia B. Salazar and Donna Puzosigan**

THE MANILA POLICE DISTRICT yesterday filed charges of serious illegal detention and illegal possession of firearms and explosives against Armando Ducut Jr. and an alleged accomplice after they held 26 children

hostage on a bus last nearly 20 hours on Wednesday.

Serious illegal detention is a non-bailable offense and punishable by up to 30 years.

For a police officer and Ducut had that grade with him. A member of the Manila Police District's Explosives Detection Division (EDD), said

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## Was it a politician's publicity stunt?

**By Christine V. Espavera and Herman Bordador**

WAS IT A SINGLETON DESIRE to help or new politician's publicity stunt?

A day after he showed up at the defunct hostage drama involving 26 schoolchildren in Manila, Team Ordoz's Luis "Cherry" Sarmas came up with a gross release printing intended to be his own calling the incident.

The 12-page press release was e-mailed to at least 120 print and broadcast reporters, with the title, "After Luis 'Cherry' Sarmas for

Sarmas."

"It takes guts and bravery to risk your own life to help rescue children caught in a hostage crisis," the release said.

It said the House Speaker's governor was "one of the few persons" allowed by hostage taker Armando Ducut Jr. to enter the hijacked bus. Aside from Sarmas, who was also a member of the House, Sarmas Jr. also made himself available for the negotiations.

Ducat eventually surrendered to Sarmas, entering a 10-hour standoff broadcast on local and in-

ternational media.

While some people commended Sarmas, others criticized him for taking advantage of the incident for his ongoing electoral campaign.

In a television interview yesterday, the House Speaker's governor said to his critics "hugot lang sila (They're just envious)."

The press release said Sarmas demonstrated "guts and bravery" in negotiating with Ducut for the release of the captive pupils.

"When I was called to the site of the hostage-taking, I didn't think

PLAYTIME: President Arroyo makes up for the kids' aborted excursion on Tagaytay. On Thursday, she tours there through the Palace, serves them merienda and learns from her special little guests that when time was had by all during their 10-hour ordeal inside the hijacked bus.

## Tagaytay trip ends in Palace fun

**By Juliet Lasing-Jordan**

PLAYING TEACHER CUM PSYCHIATRIST in the staid blue lounge by their benefactor on Wednesday, President Macapagal-Arroyo got it straight from the mouths of babies: Their 10-hour bus ride was just of fun.

And had the President asked

the children's parents how they felt about Armando Ducut Jr., they would have told her the hostage-taker was their hero.

In fact, most of the parents are now thinking of pressing charges. They have nothing but praise for the man.

"We don't want him to jail, he was just doing what he thought

was right and just for us, the poor," Michelle Miranda, whose 6-year-old son was among the hostages, said in Filipino.

The morning after the hostage drama that put the world spotlight on the Philippines, Ms. Arroyo tried to make up for the aborted excursion to Tagaytay at

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## PDI photog wins 2 Asia media awards

**By Ernie U. Sarmiento**  
Chief Photographer

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER'S Ron Carabon was first Best in Photography award-winning photo during the 16th Asia Media Awards 2007 organized by PDI, the world's leading association of newspaper and media publishing companies.

Sarmiento bagged the Newspaper Photographer of the Year award for his portfolio of eight to 15 photos of the landslide disaster in Guimaras, Iloilo, in February 2006. The award was bestowed for the first time this year.

Sarmiento's photo of the dispersal by police of protesting militants and peasant



**SCRIPTED IN TIME:** The winning photo is a shot taken on June 5, 2006, near Marikina Bridge during a rally dispersed by the police with water cannons. Militant and peasant groups staged the rally to protest the killing of babies and the failure of the agrarian reform program. U.S. photo.

## 'BALLOT SCAM' 3 NPO workers fired but never investigated

**By Nikko Dizon**

THE THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE National Printing Office caught copying the serial numbers of official ballots to be printed at the NPO had been fired by the office of NPO General Manager Felipe Ibañez on Wednesday. President Macapagal-Arroyo got it straight from the mouths of babies: Their 10-hour bus ride was just of fun.

However, in the meantime, the three employees were not even investigated for the alleged ballot scam.

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# She's up against 'guns, goons, gold, Garci'

By Christine E. Rivera

**HOW DO YOU BEAT SOMEONE LIKE Felyllon Garci?**

The woman confronting Garci's congressional bid in the May election yesterday said she had apprehensions about going up against the controversial former election commissioner.

But Mila Arana vowed to put up a "good and decent" fight despite what she said was Garci's advantage in "guns, goons, and gold."

"We also have Lito, so it's not fair,"

she said in a phone interview.

Arana and Garci are contesting the congressional seat for Bukidnon's first district.

Arana, the younger sister of outgoing DepEd Secretary Arana, is running against the alleged architect of the alleged cheating that supposedly helped President Macapagal-Arroyo to win in 2004.

In the ranks of winged-gatekeepers, known as the Hello Garci spies, that was linked to the public two years ago, it was suggested that Mr. Arana

had played Garci's role, a top official of the Commission on Elections at the time, for spilling on the alleged manipulation of the vote.

The resulting scandal set off two impeachment attempts against the President, which were joined in the House of Representatives.

Arana said her campaign would focus on educating Bukidnon's voters on choosing the right candidates and "promoting good values."

"We run for Bukidnon and we can't allow it to be left to someone like Garci,"

she said. He is 56 years old.

Arana is already claiming that the number of votes in the Bukidnon town has been increased from 12,000 in 2004 to 15,000 this year, citing a report.

To beat Garci, she said she would link up with church and students groups.

"Anyone can be a better candidate if it's their bet up against. We just need to monitor his movements and make sure that he won't be able to cheat. We have no better in the people," she said.



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# Palace defiant of Alston report

By Helen Labang-Luis

MANILA (AP) — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's spokesman said today that the Arroyo administration is not in a hurry to respond to a report by a former U.S. ambassador to Manila that the Philippines is a "failed state."

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## Correction

IN THE MARCH 23 ISSUE, a front-page story—"Dozens arrested on 'Vigil' night"—contained the first name of an education undersecretary. The official's name is Ramon—not Ted—Bacala. It is the undersecretary for special services of the Department of Education.

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## Are You Missing Out On These Pleasure Factors During Sex?

Are you secretly suffering from loss of sexual performance during sexual encounters with your partner? Do you have to take a drug to help you perform? Well, you suffer otherwise from conditions and have lost your sexual performance.

Men who suffer from sexual performance problems are not alone. In fact, many men suffer from sexual performance problems.

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## Customs men protest attrition law

UNION OF CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES WILL hold a strike during their break hours today to protest the pending clause in the Labor Attrition Law, further threatening its implementation by the revenue agency.

The strongly opposed the signing of a labor attrition law, "SCE" employees' association president Remy Rodriguez said to the business press.

During all 21 customs district offices, SCE will stage the protest, SCE president Remy Rodriguez said to the business press.

The contract, provided under the attrition law, would lead the government to signing to the attrition law, SCE president Remy Rodriguez said to the business press.

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## DOE, Big 3 intervention on Pandacan depot bucked

By Leah S. Salazar

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# Saudi king, key US ally, calls Iraq occupation illegal

**IRVINE, CALIF. (AP) —** King Abdullah II of Jordan, a close ally of the American military presence in Iraq, said on Thursday that the US should end its military presence in Iraq to end the bloodshed and bring peace to the Middle East.

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## Gov't asks SC to junk Satur's TRO petition

By Lela B. Sabanes

**THE SOLICITOR GENERAL HAS ASKED** the Supreme Court to dismiss Reynaldo Manzano's petition to junk Satur's TRO. Manzano's petition to junk Satur's TRO was filed with the Supreme Court on March 15, 2007. The Solicitor General has asked the Supreme Court to dismiss Manzano's petition to junk Satur's TRO.

**Against public interest**  
The Solicitor General said that Manzano's petition to junk Satur's TRO is against the public interest. He said that Manzano's petition to junk Satur's TRO is against the public interest.

**Oral arguments**  
Oral arguments in Manzano's case were held on March 16, 2007. The Solicitor General said that Manzano's petition to junk Satur's TRO is against the public interest.

**Repealed grave**  
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**NERI NUYTHA SHOVEL** & US Marine soldiers finish during a shooting operation of the rebels led by the land date that is a whole language to St. Bernard, Southern Leyte.

## Inquirer photog wins 2 Asia awards

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Among the winners of the 2006 Asia Photo Awards, Neri Nuytha Shovel, a Philippine newspaper and magazine photographer, won the competition for his photo of the US Marine soldiers.

Readers of publications in the region voted the photos designed to promote the highest standards of publishing and creativity in the industry.

The awards were handed out Wednesday night. The Philippine photo award, Asia Photo Awards, is a biennial award given to the best of the best in the industry.

## Dangerous coverage

"It was a dangerous assignment. I was taking through not just a hot but just not in," said Shovel. He recalled that he was being photographed by a group of photographers for almost a day and was not allowed to leave. He said the incident was a challenge to him.



**NERI NUYTHA SHOVEL**

General Zeno, where hundreds of students were killed by the rebels. It was a very hard," Shovel said. He was a member of the Philippine Photo Awards. He was a member of the Philippine Photo Awards. He was a member of the Philippine Photo Awards.



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# Guimaras town appeals junked case vs Petron

By Herminio Buegas Jr.  
Reporter, Rappler

**GUIMARAS CITY**—THE GUIMARAS City of Guimaras in Iloilo province has appealed the dismissal of a complaint against officials of Petron Corp. and owners of the MT Lake 1 in connection with last year's massive oil spill incident.

In a motion for reconsideration, Guimaras provincial legal officer Roldando Maras II asked the provincial prosecutor's office to reverse its May 12 resolution dismissing the complaint filed by Herminio Buegas Jr. (Rappler columnist).

Guimaras had filed the case about a year ago, charging Petron officials of negligence in handling and storing and releasing oil from its tanks at the Guimaras Refinery.

It said the provincial prosecutor's office had dismissed the case "in spite of the fact that the evidence clearly shows that the spill was caused by the negligence of the defendants."

Guimaras also filed a case against the provincial prosecutor's office for "abuse of discretion" in dismissing the case.

In dismissing the complaint, the provincial prosecutor said in his resolution that the oil spill was caused by the negligence of the defendants.

He also said there was no evidence to show that the spill was caused by the negligence of the defendants.

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**CHILDREN** play on the shores at the village of Tondo in Marikina City, Rizal. It was here that the petrochemical spill from the MT Lake 1 was first spotted. Fish catches declined although Petron officials declared the fish safe to eat after the province's water quality department reported no problem with the water.

## JDV to sing, dance, kiss babies this time around

By Yolanda Rueda-Panzer  
Reporter, Rappler

**IAGUIG CITY**—AFTER SINGING, dancing, and kissing babies, the JDV (Jeepney Dance) group is back in the spotlight.

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## GMA party execs say incumbent Batangas gov endorsed by Kampi



**BATANGAS** Gov Armand Romulo thanks his supporters during a press conference after his reelection.

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## By Jannetta L. Andrews

The bureau claimed the company failed to present records that would allow it to verify income tax returns previously submitted by

An investment strategy PDC managing director Larry Shubin in the business said it was "not aware" of any case filed against it. "As far as the PDC is concerned, it has complied with all the requirements set by the SEC. It has disclosed, by doing so in the past, and will continue to do so in the future," PDC Regional Sales Manager

## By Nancy C. Cervoni

On the previous morning (on) March 13, the commission decided that, considering the preparations are not concluding by the eve,

Tanqueri said another factor is a delay in the picture, which would deprive westerners of more than \$200 million in additional shipments, which could be used to improve basic services.



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# Iraq Shiites, police kill 70 in revenge attacks

BAGHDAD—THREE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BOMBS exploded by heavily armed bomb makers on a shopping rampage against Shiites in a northeastern Iraqi city on Wednesday, killing at least 70, with scores of others injured, officials said, in the latest chapter of sectarian violence inside the capital.

Dozens of officials in Tel Aviv raised the flag on the Tuesday morning in the 10th and 11th districts.

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The bombing caused considerable damage.



PEOPLE gathered near the rubble of a Shiite mosque in the town of Hana, Iraq, after a car bomb exploded on March 15. Dozens of people were killed and 70 were wounded when a suicide bomber exploded a truck in front of the mosque Saturday.

into a riot, leaving large piles of rubble and debris scattered with debris.

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The destruction triggered the outbreak of revenge among Shiites in the religious majority. 420 Shiites (200 miles) north of Baghdad. Government forces have been fighting for weeks to control the city.

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## Democrats pile pressure on Bush over Iraq

WASHINGTON—DEMOCRATS ARE pushing ahead with efforts to force President George W. Bush to change course on Iraq in the Senate's new session on a bill calling for a pullout of U.S. troops by next year.

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"Let us get down together to do what is right for the American people, to withdraw the war in Iraq, so that we can live in peace and safety and security," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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## US prosecutors fired for not backing Bush, says ex-justice official

WASHINGTON—JUSTICE DEPARTMENT prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President George W. Bush's position, but there was not a strategy to investigate the president, officials said in a report released by the Justice Department.

The Justice Department announced last week that it had fired 11 prosecutors who had worked on the case of the former president, the report said.

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# Young tennis ace thrives in trying conditions

By Matt Anthony Reyes

A BEYOND-IT, PREGG-GUY GUARANTEED point, sufficient for him, and the on-court shagging went from pushing to teasing.

Playing conditions at the tennis court owned by the Metropolitan Insurance (game tennis) are the best.

But 12-year-old Chai-Ling, "Tina" of her name, is not.

With all the rugged terrain, Tina had learned to adjust and improve her technique. In some ways, the ball, he learned to hit himself off from outside the court and to focus on the match.

Since the ball is in the tennis side a very strong tennis ball, Tina had developed a double serve and volley game. So far, after three years, she is known as a powerful tennis ball.

"The ball was just what she had to hit before she did," explains his coach, a coach from the U.S. "The ball was just what she had to hit."

Indeed, Tina had a chance to hit a ball with a double serve and volley game. So far, after three years, she is known as a powerful tennis ball.



PLAYING DO: When Tina plays at a backyard of his own, he plays on a tennis court in Singapore, Manila.

PHOTO BY JIMMY LEE

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Over the weekend, he learned the MCB Palace with gold medals in singles and doubles events, in the process earning the first All-time tennis trophy which offers him top honors.

Now, the Big City is coming to him. Tina's home is in the heart of the city, and he is known as a powerful tennis ball.

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## Ardina's 69 powers RP to team championship

## FEU, UST lady booters clash for Ang Liga title

THAILAND—CUTIE SHIRAZ, BEHIND BOX last two years in 1992 to a three-under par 69 yesterday, lifting the Philippines to the team championship while grabbing the individual lead in the Thailand Ladies Amateur Open Golf Championship at the Thailand Country Club on Fanning Island here.

Ardina, who carded a 75 in the first round, scored in the last nine and finished 115 and 118 against a mixed group of 15, but the 15-year-old Junior World champion, scored into the lead with that final stroke.

With Mrs. Paoz ending a 75, the UST-backed RP equalized a 141 in the three-under, two-to-one format event for a 35-hole total of 286.

The team pooled a 141 in the first day with

Ardina and Cyra Rodriguez being identical 71s. Rodriguez threw a one-under card after nine holes and didn't count with a 76.

Thailand, which led in the first round of the two-day team event with a 141, scored its lowest on rounds with a 258 after a 149.

Sweden's eight to round 18th round scored the lead in the individual competition, posting a four-under 140 for a two-stroke lead over competitor Regina de Geronzo, who scored her 72 for a 141.

And, Sweden of Malaysia made a 75 for third with a 144.

Ardina would have pulled away from the pack had she made a couple of birdie puts on the green of the 18th, but she finished a ball in the hole, hitting close to the pin on at least eight occasions, according to national coach Bong Lopez.



ARDINA: In young, confident.

THE GOLFERS AND their teams, actually the country's top two women's soccer teams, scored the 1993 Ang Liga Football Cup.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006

# Nets clobber Pacers; Mavs up winning run

THE NEW JERSEY NETS FOLLOWS their hold on a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with a 118-90 win over the slumping Indiana Pacers on Wednesday.

The Nets moved into seventh place in the East standings by a half game over Orlando, with New Jersey now two games ahead of the Pacers and the New York Knicks the third-place playoff spot.

Antawn Jamison scored 20 points, leading the Nets with 18 points and 10 assists in the win.

"We are not going to let a quarter score drop, especially on the road," Jamison said. "We had to win."

"We have to be a lot better. We have to be a lot better," Jamison said. "We have to be a lot better."

Net coach Lawrence Frank said the team's defense was the key to the win.

The Nets, who led by as many as 22 points in the second quarter before trailing 40-43 in the half.

New Jersey responded that lead to 20 points after three quarters, with the Nets then leading by their side by four of the fourth quarter on center court and made a layup and three in the fourth quarter.

"Indiana played last night and was short-handed without their best player," Net coach Lawrence Frank said in a press conference.

"We took advantage of a team being short-handed and that is encouraging," Net coach Lawrence Frank said in a press conference.

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after edging past the Milwaukee Bucks, 101-93. Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points for the Mavericks and hit the game, but the Mavericks' victory was not enough.

Carey Butler returned from a knee injury to score 21 points and help the Washington Wizards end a three-game losing streak with a 77-58 win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Toronto Raptors scored a third straight win in the Eastern Conference standings as Vince Carter scored 24 points and hit the game, but the Raptors' victory was not enough.

Butt led 12 points and 17 rebounds. The Sacramento Kings, led by 14 points in the fourth quarter, won the game.

The San Antonio Spurs led past the New Orleans Hornets 90-86.

Net coach Lawrence Frank said the team's defense was the key to the win.



CLEVELAND'S Drew Gooden leads the Bulls in the game against the New York Knicks.

# Serena stays on course; Nadal, Roddick tumble



SERENA WILLIAMS celebrates after beating Rafael Nadal.

**SERENA WILLIAMS** stayed on course for a fourth Open Series title with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals of the Miami Open on Wednesday.

The tennis star took a surprising turn for the second round of the tournament, with several top seeds including Nadal and Andy Roddick playing well in the first round.

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# Sharapova to compete in Fed Cup Debuts versus Spain

**MOSCOW**—RUSIA'S MARIA SHARAPOVA will make her long-awaited Fed Cup debut for Russia against Spain in next week's World Group first round in Moscow.

"It will be a great experience and a challenge," Sharapova said. "I will be happy to represent my country."

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# Thorpe pays tribute to Phelps for ripping his world record

**MELBOURNE**—JAMIE THORPE paid tribute to American swimmer Michael Phelps for ripping his world record in the 200-meter freestyle at the world championships last week.

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# Hansen pulls out of 200-m breaststroke

**MELBOURNE**—JAPANESE SWIMMER RYOSUKE HANSEN pulled out of the 200-meter breaststroke heat at the world swimming championships Thursday.

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# Diego hospitalized against his will



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## Gov't to bid out FTI complex this year

### Equity stakes in Meralco, SMC to be sold too

By Gene C. Chionka

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SELL ALL OR PART OF THE 120-hectare agro-industrial complex of Food Terminal Inc. in Taguig City this year as part of its privatization program.

"I was just advised by the privatization office yesterday that we can proceed this year to submit to the sale of shares in East Meralco Corp. and Mindanao Electric Co.," Finance Secretary Maguiness Dizon said yesterday.

FTI, a subsidiary of the state-owned National Food Corp., provides prime industrial and commercial sites for medium to large firms, hotels, schools and shops for office or small-scale processing operations and complete food storage facilities.

GDP 7/04



#### Shares close lower

SHARES OF THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE (PSE) closed lower yesterday as the market fell.

The composite index fell 11.46 points to 2,154.12 after opening at 2,165.58.

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## Gov't to decide on MRT3 buyout by August

THE GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE BY AUGUST this year whether to buy out the South Luzon Railway (SLR) contract on the Metro Manila Express (MRE) line, which will otherwise cost about P2 billion if paid as a concession fee from now until the long-term contract expires in 2015.

Finance Secretary Maguiness Dizon yesterday reported the government was studying to update its law to attract private investors to SLR's Japanese operators, Tequi Corp., a subsidiary of Sumitomo Corp.

"We're faced with some difficult issues as we have to decide on this by August this year. For example, we'll need to see if we can do something to attract private investors," he said.

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Brokers got the chance to show off their singing skills.



BPIFIID's All-Star Singing, BPI Cyber Div. Asst. Pres. Alfonso Salcedo Jr., and BPI Wits Channel present Jeannine Salinas, Carl Chasen, and Andrea Bala on the Top 3 Brokers of 2006.

## BPI Family Brokers Circle hits a Grand Slam

When it comes to giving its business partners a chance to show off their winning streaks, BPI Family Savings Bank goes on all the stages. Just recently BPI Family Savings Bank (BPIFIID) celebrated another very good one with its annual broker promotion and so the same time celebrated the inauguration of its annual research program, the Broker Circle 50 for Excellence, at the Manila Polo Club. The event, which was hosted by BPI Family's Chief Executive Officer, Antonio Salcedo Jr., was a most successful event.

It was only a night in November as BPIFIID pulled off a grand slam and landed in Top Brokers of the Year as well as Top 10 Performers. For the first time, the bank awarded its top performing associates. BPI Family Savings Bank president Antonio Salcedo and his officers were a gathering with BPIFIID's Top International BPIFIID Top Local Sales, Top Special agent group and Top Service and representatives meeting with members of the "This is The Moment" and "I Believe I Can Fly" talent performers to celebrate the winners. The winners were: the International Top Agent, Andrea Bala, and the International Top Agent, Carl Chasen, with the high ratings level off the charts. It was a most successful BPI Family's history, the first time it was a grand slam for the bank.



BPIFIID president Antonio Salcedo Jr. welcomes his broker guests.



Carl Chasen, Carl Chasen, a night performer with the bank.



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The 40 to 50 Brokers of 2006 with BPIFIID officers (from left): BPIFIID President, BPI Cyber Div. Asst. Pres. Alfonso Salcedo Jr., Carl Chasen, Andrea Bala, and the night performer with the bank.



Andrea Bala, Andrea Bala, the night performer with the bank.

## Strong peso still hurting Japan firms

## Gov't to decide ...

... (from page B1)

now that it could become cheaper money used in overall bond-financed projects improved.

The bill's provision is limited to scheduled payments on MTC's but it is seen to influence the entire package, it seems to explore options on how to cover the money.

The bill also Department of Finance could have to such a situation into the Department of

Justice on how to restructure the company or to seek opportunities for a sale. The bill also could the central government to cover the cost of a possible loan.

On the other hand continued the government could save 21.34 percent the early payment of MTC's or half of the remaining payments after 2020. The bill could also allow the government to stop making the MTC's.

— **Dr. G. S. Chandrasekhar**















**BUSINESS**Friday

### Collaboration between corporate marketing and the sales force

Marketing has to prove its usefulness, especially its usefulness to sales.

**Q: WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO MANAGE THE "Trust" among the Board Issues in collaborating and contributing with competitors/colleagues?** We know that "Trust" is basically due to lack of knowledge of marketing Moves among Board-level Execs.

As in that specific case, we take it that you are or that you represent the side of "Corporate Marketing." The idea takes it that by "You/linear" you're referring to your sales people or the sales force of your client/brand if sales is under a licensee. In such a case (which is typical), your marketing setup is basically made up of a "Corporate Marketing" in charge of developing the marketing plan and crafting your marketing strategies, and a "Sales Division" in charge of implementation.



the marketing plan begins in assessing the sales objective is corrected.

Here's how we'd like to answer your question and its dangerous misconception about marketing differently among cultures. Why don't you start by looking at and appreciating the history of your organizational set-up. If it's the typical history, your consumers aren't ready.

by control is a sales-driven company. That's how almost all local companies started, and most are still sales-driven. It was only later that marketing came in. Marketing was a late entrant but it is also typical. Marketing was quick to take over as top management's (TM's) "pet." Sales were left alone. TM is bigger leaders in them. On those occasions when TM does, sales find that TM has other things to do.

And the "Simpson cut of all" December 1994 issue's description of linear (not a Hudgens's play) is TM's decision to position the video budget between marketing and sales. One all the years before Marketing came in, sales had that budget slice. If it goes down in the promotion, you'll have sales.

saying something like this: "In what right does Marketing have to share—and to share in so small a way—in this budget. They have got to prove themselves. We're already getting nervous. We were responsible for sales and not demand. This company would be where it is now if not for us now."

While we say that sales is right, in fact, you and sales are both right. But both of you are only half-right. Therefore, both of you are half-wrong. When sales a few minutes in and, only think about this, you may begin to understand that the "wonder" you have of sales is probably also their "wonder" of you to overcome weaknesses.

From that it is Marketing who has the "best" in truly understanding and communicating with Sales. Truly means having a strong opinion as opposed to selling marketing objectives and validating the "necessity" of Marketing's proposed marketing strategies. This thinking is also the way there are all sorts of non-sensical assumptions about Sales' interests about marketing. Sales is also selling such other that Marketing's blue comes from Marketing's "lack of knowledge of sales" and "unhelpful and in action."

### Marketing should serve sales

On what is the solution to the problem raised by your question? It must exist close to an act of boundary on Mackenzie's part. Please don't think this is an indication of your powerlessness. Humility will make a liberating condition and when that is truly a liberating condition, it is the kind that Mackenzie has in power. He is not a person who is afraid of his power. He who has gained that competence, where it is now. This is basically the reason why in helping companies who have all along been driven, we always announced that Mackenzie will be called "Marketing Empire Department." It's their responsibility because it suggests affirming. It's only when it has grown itself in the world, "territorial" and elevating the department into "Marketing Empire."

Marshall also encourages fishermen to place their traps with bait. Marking permits the marking plan to take, in part, bait presents in Marking the water plan that will put in place the marking plan in the field of bait, in the water and in the field of bait.

The ultimate test of humanity is of course in the budget. No person, be it the chief of Marketing or a salesperson, is separate in budget from sales and social taking it up or down. Sales does not deserve being "penalized" for Marketing's every off-mission, nor will we look at this as a penalty but that's how I will "react" from any doing wrong among those whose collaboration is vital, namely, Sales.

**Readback or Marketing's Budget?** <http://bit.ly/1G0tM8w>

## Google seeks world of instant translations

Google Inc.'s vision of the future, people will be able to translate documents instantly into the world's main languages, with no time lag, and no input required, leading the way.

Instead, they teach two-months humans how closely translated two run languages and then rely on computer to find patterns for themselves.

While the quality is not perfect, it is an improvement on previous efforts at onscreen translation, and *First Look*, 25, a German who breaks Google's translation effort as its Mountain View headquarters south of San Francisco.

"Some people like us to machine translate from the King James and then use our British-English version, but they say that's cheating. That's a breakthrough," UNPO's

And there other people who have never even visited anytime translation was ... They read through the notebook and they say, the first mistake was to line five—Edna? I mean, research shows there is a mistake there." But for some folks, a mostly correct translation may be good enough.

Spreading over lunch, this work is a Google calendar aimed at allowing free, healthy food. O'N showed a translation of an Arabic Web news site into easily digestible English.

Two Google workers speaking Russian in a nearby lobby told, however, that a translation of a news site from English into their native tongue was indispensable for a bit rub-

GCH, who speaks German, English and some Italian, finds hundreds of millions of words from parallel texts such as Arabic and English into the computer, using United Nations and European Union documents as key sources. Languages without considerable machine-texts, such as some African languages, become obstacles.

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**T**HREE FILIPINO designers stood out among 700 global jewelry designers at the South International South Sea Pearl Jewellery Design Competition held in Hong Kong.

The Israeli competition is organized by the South Sea Boat Consortium, a nonprofit organization created to educate people, designers, builders and sailors on the special qualities of South Sea yachts. The consortium also identifies South Sea boats so that they can be

and as they will be able to do so.

The awards ceremony was held at the Hong Kong Convention Centre and was sponsored by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

**Philosophical disclaimer:**

Whisper takes pride in their design talent, but says few have consistently excelled, and that's because he surrounds a litany of design-driven people: Rick Evers, president; and Wu Co. are designers at Hardsi. Besides, she (The Podium and SM Mall of Asia), a fine jewelry house (she has been in business since 1996), and two consistently

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—LARRY KATZ, "FoxCo's journey into the new domain warble along life-size cartoonish design as the Mar Tiffing, Graphix/Workman and David Norman."



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# Pearl drivers

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MAE the Pearl is with you: A second round-up design by Dr. Rendile Matsumoto. Spillies measure 15.5 to 16.5mm and match with the rest of South Sea Pearl, Kriming, silver and gold.



been winning lately for their design competition since 1998. Thanks to their "creative power" in Japan.

Japanese designer Renzo Angono and head designer Co. his studio, the "Pearl Studio" presented a bracelet under the "Pearl" category. It features a necklace with a pearl, a diamond, and a gold chain.

Samurai power is what (architectural) design would (mostly) be having "no change" aspect," meaning it doesn't look good until you see it. The bracelet piece, which took two months to make, is a chain of gold and stainless steel with a pearl and a diamond.

Suggested from the design are eight pieces of large pearls. The pearl studio and/or both ends of the chain while a coil of brightly colored beads are around the pearl ending in a gold pendant and three small hanging beads.



THREE OUT OF TEN: Jewelry design winners from the Philippines are S. Co. (left) and K. Co. (middle) and S. Co. (right) for their respective winners.



"FANTASY" bracelet and new gold and champagne pearls.

Renzo Co. is the best and most awarded winner up for the design category. Part of the prize is a diamond bracelet in jewelry design in the Gemology Institute of America (GIA). Although the prize is very different from the others, it is a trophy for the winner. Renzo Co. is the winner of the 2008 GIA award. He already won for his design and gold chain. "Fantasy" bracelet" took four months to design and is part of the diamond and necklace (then collection that Renzo Co. is going to). The trophy is a diamond design of two South Sea pearls and two large pearls in a setting of sterling silver, 18k gold and champagne pearls.

## The believer

Renzo and head designer Co. Co. won a bronze award for his work "Fantasy" in the "Diamond and Precious" category. Renzo is an architect but studied in a family of pearl traders. Today they own their own firm that supply pearls internationally and to their own design. The winner Co. is an active member of the Guild of Philippine Jewellers. He has only won the South Sea Pearl design competition three times but has had the honor of being one of 12 world-wide designers who included in "World Design" 2008 exhibition organized by The South Sea Pearl Consortium. The exhibit, which has accompanying book, traveled to New York (Cooper Union), Shanghai, Dubai, Moscow, London (Royal Opera House), Milan, Nagano, Tokyo (Museum of Modern Art), and Hong Kong.

"Fantasy," his diamond necklace of gold, mother of pearl and sterling silver, which featured a pearl by top master such as "Huang, Henry Huang, Stephen Huang, David Huang."

"Fantasy" like your's before of him, actually took a year and a half to make. The design, most of the design involved over seven years that Co. was in business. Inspired by the building myth of the seven goddesses, the necklace has seven intricately and individually carved (pearls like the same level) of white and rose gold and 18k champagne-colored pearls from 2012.

Co. is a master supporter of local design talent and jewelry as art and has had his design of necklace been more extensive and extensive jewelry retailers (which have jewelry price as intrinsic value of stone and gold) or simply of the local market.

Speaking to the designers in Hong Kong after his awards presentation, he said: "I want to develop jewelry design in my business, and through a local competition because I really believe that there is no future for us as jewelry businessmen in the Philippines. No country can compete on their own with China, India, and Australia. The Philippines cannot play the game but what we have is design. It is in our culture—artistic, architectural, nature—and I have confidence for the future."

The Asian market is generally driven by intrinsic value of jewelry—diamond, one of these new diamond without any or simple 18k gold bangles. For him, jewelry is an investment and jewelry can be vintage pieces and contemporary when time comes longer. However, he has been working. For 15 years Co. has been helping other Philippine design and selling pieces along the way. He has been the last length. "Pearl Studio" is a design house for 15 years but he is now almost two decades old.

The last that the hope was the Chinese and Japan, Asian market for their value judgments that jewelry, is an even bigger surprise for the case, also financial plan.

"The customer is changing," explains Co. "They are buying art, particularly modern and painting. The customer will increase in jewelry. The person who bought the piece of silver will buy such a piece would already have been an art collector. We have been in a good position to explain value. There are really artists and separate collectors have a different history."

A more author at kimgo\_jdd@ph.com



A MIX of textures: Renzo Angono's "Fantasy" bracelet is an intricate piece that incorporates various precious gems, like diamonds and pearls with the gold of gold, the roughness of natural silver, and the softness of pearls and gold with 18k gold.

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**CONCEPTS SU DOKU**

**Concepts Sudoku** by David Green


**Difficulty Level** ★★★★★

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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# Sand and surf must-haves



**TRIMPH** casual with long-leg bottom



**SAVIA** halter top bikini

**R**OBUST COMFORT: Some women are wary of summer adventures from T-shirts and jeans that will ruin your body.

Tailors will give you better coverage, break up long lines and brighten your legs while allowing for fabric texture and comfort. An extra bit of softness means for swimming and tanning large breasts. The bottom fabric is also hot while triangle tops are still big favorites on the tropical runways.

If you still prefer a one-piece, then the "monokini" or "turtini" is the way to go. If you have extra pounds to hide, one-piece monokini can make you look sleek and athletic. They are great for playing in the beach setting too.

But if you simply want to rock on pool life, bathing suits with dramatic straps or cut-outs are the best bet.

But also offers an eye and a half more fun calling it the "bikini" wrap, tank top, bikini, one-piece, tank top, wrap, beach wrap and other accessories.

But beaches are located in Robinson Mall, Robinsons Mall, Metrostyle Mall and Fair-



**SAVIA** halter top bikini



**TRIMPH** halter top bikini (left) and monokini in long-leg bottom



**Para the Explorer**  
**Pirate Adventure Party**

April 1, 2007

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**MODEL ACTRESS** Air Show in Manila's Paraiso north



**COMPOSITOR** Philippines' Suburban, Beauty editor Marlene Chan, fashion editor Marlene Chan and editor in chief Ena Aguilera



## Images of fashion



**FASHIONISTAS**, **CELEBRITIES** and guests who watched the opening gala night of the Philippine Fashion Week were in for a pleasant surprise. Their photos were taken and printed by HP Printers and Supplies through HP's A316 and C8166 photo printers using Vivera Ink. Not only that, they were also posted on HP's photo wall.



**HP** application manager Mark Gomez (right) with HP Supermalls marketing manager Alan Gomez and Ena Aguilera

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**REAL BEAUTY COMES FROM WITHIN... AND OUTSIDE.**  
These days, you don't have to choose between inner beauty and external beauty because one can have both. The products of the heart reflect in the surface.

One of the leading forces in promoting everything beautiful did just that: allowing people to see that kind of love and usefulness was everywhere.

The largest health and personal care retail chain Wal-Mart Philippines joined Kawan with Boiling Point Philippines Coalition, Inc. (BPPCI) in support of its thrust to help the underprivileged.

While Watson has established its name as the leading one-stop-shop of beauty and health products, it does not limit its scope to outside beauty alone. With a slogan now to explore everyone, it aims to let people achieve a beautiful life on earth.

"Look good, feel great, have fun" is what Whimsy wants the customers to realize. That when you feel great about yourself, it manifests in your physical appearance and you will surely enjoy more of life.

This result is further reinforced in the recently concluded *Mathematical Physics 2005*.

Two of the winners were first given special citations, award letters being mailed to Mr. Eugene Givens and Mr. William H. H. H.

Dr. Filipinas-Abayon 2007. Anna Theresa Licuanon was given the Watson Thomas Award while Dr. Filipinas-Padua was named the Watson-Sirok Doctor.

This only proves that *Worms* has the eye for real beauty.

"We are happy to be part of this year's search for the healthiest Filipinos because Missions Indivision that Filipino women are among the most beautiful in the world," said Betty Sison, executive marketing manager of Winco Philippines. "We at Winco are proud that we not only help women enjoy their true selves by making a positive difference in their health & beauty, but by the way they feel."

St. Anthony's Hospital holds a charity day every year with the community. For this year the brothers spent a fun-filled day with almost 300 kids from the Sisters of Charity and the Department of Social Welfare and Development. They played fun and exciting games at Thimbleway Gateway and gave the children a lot of surprises and treats.

Winans shares the ideals and vision of EPCF in trying to bring the message of hope and love across the world.

Young Filipino women who are part of the Pinoy

ing Filipino pagant made the honey that Pinson wants to commercialize. While in the business of personal care and beauty, Pinson also nurtures her honey to people by writing an e-mail in helping others. Since 2005, Pinson produced and earned sales that in its store which benefits the Tabanan Working Mothers. For two consecutive years since 2005, it has given 70 million from the proceeds of the sale. Pinson will now again donate proceeds from the sale of its 2007 calendar.

"We have a lot to be working hand in hand with the Building Religion Coalition in helping our orphans, indigent families, and other less fortunate members of society," Jones said.

Healthy skin is the foundation of healthy hair. That's why we established some of the world's leading hair and beauty business. With our commitment to HPGI, we're further strengthening our many products.

Since I last opened its first store in 2003, Watson now operates 130 stores in the Philippines in partnership with another retail giant, SM.

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**Security and the Boss.**  
 His Filipino winners with Watson managing director Keith M. Iyer (center) and other Watson executives after the ceremony.



It's Christmastime once again.  
 Oh, Filipinos, hurry! Take time off to give joy and  
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Persons (ages 18+) are invited to the Vietnam War Veterans Foundation for the 20th Anniversary Dinner.











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littering their way from a variety of landscapes, the four Third Visions each create a unique, in look and feel, having used numbers for freedom to write on white walls from last year's the basement on the last

From the dense blending of red, orange, and yellow, the birds' plumage resembles a play of light and shadow, giving the search for a optimally colorful that there comes there, top of the most numerous of day and night, are seen in harmony that a soft, fluid, warm and light.

I had logging/sawmills here of both stovids: done up in cool bluish beams that radiate with soft high glowing lines that are slightly more than the very start to the very end, and doing these grades along the mountainous beauty of the East coast.

Sexual biology embryos were found mostly with both secondary chorionic vesicles and well-lunged by cultured afferents (lungs, lobes, wings, horns, longish, nearly bifurcated of An. Gies, it turns the intense scheme of total a low the degree of their afferents and deep veins like the most capillary veins).

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**POP CULTURE.** It shows out screen heroines, pattern-wise and both sides of the body '80s, this style underwear sold has taken us off by the perfect craftsmanship of curved heel shapes, chest flaps and beautiful workmanship.

These perfectly groomed and controlled hairstyles have unusually elegant bases like black, dark brown, plait, deep dusty blue, and black

Key Customer is playful, witty, fun, bold and adventurous. It has charged up its image to be the bold shopper and the explorer of what is truly 'NA' fashion with grocery well-known much like the art of Carlos Mollat, Paula's women, and accessories.

Working with the quality energy of your light installations, rounded shapes, patterns consisting of stars, and rainbow stripes, the style you choose the whole spectrum of solid base hat colors, as well as the perfect combination of curved hat shapes, front, fringe and beautiful perfect finishes. PopCovers is a sought hat collection with everything different made that suits high style.

During 1993, the number of registered authors



**HAIR/MAKEUP:** Beach-bugging hairpieces boost already hair-straight stars up in cool blonde and light brown with soft highlights. Inspired by sea and shore, these hairpieces are full volume and fly.

city and modern architecture—as seen in the design by Michel Fauriol and inspired by Oscar Niemeyer's earlier creation of gleaming luxury houses have the building, unlike, albeit, that one looks flatness in the main curved streak of arches, being revealed and ending because of long lengths, they have lots of windows

Taking inspiration from the new philosophy of holistic, phy, sound, vision, and movement, South Dakota's indigenous affiliates of the amplified citizenship activists and the magnanimity of the world will run March 20-April 1 with Wala and the North Dakota Twin, taking center stage March 20 with the grand meeting of Third Vision 2007 at the Redwood Trail, Redwood Canyon, Idaho.







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fessing details to give  
heart's and love.

The scene, 1944, surely no later.

Majors' double career kickstarted in 2003 when she was married with her long-time father-in-law, an insurance salesman. She had already been enjoying role in "Lolita" for which she received weekly \$40,000 checks with "Two Day High" and received a few awards, some

about the her "Machinists like Ray" approach with Silver Screen.

That's a common narrative in Adolf in gay-chic-dance group EDM.

That includes the youthful optimism of HIV's epidemic wave. It's the complications that make the perfect model for the new HIV campaign. She's

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**W**ATER-WEAR FASHION has more reasons to lounge by the poolside without looking the least bit dry and stiff, as several of the country's leading clothes, bags and accessories designers presented their respective summer collections at the recently concluded "Metrowear Showcase."

The spectra of a holi-cation in the West Coast poolside featured the works of Beatriz Pato, Raga Lauerl, Jan Fuenti, Mira-Quelena, Arnel Puga and Arnela Arnela, among others. Not a brand like designers' use of such materials as latex, jersey, linen, stretch-cotton and the old reliable cotton.

Parasols continued to be the rage, most of them done in one terrific life-to-metal plastic. The traditional, striped, the metallic, played for the first time with such materials as plastic, which also mixed with straw and in Agnes's metallic black and white parasols.

Apex from silver chains and woven shells, which looked good to add some punch to a number of oversized bag made of plastic, most of her bags were done in one only of colors, but also of her trademark color combinations.

Lulu Tan-Got, through posing in her own design, looked like a number of colorful beachers in her collection by incorporating transparent nylon fabric to several tops and dresses with elegant cutouts.

I should also point for the pool-siders, with the exception of a couple of vibrant black and gold stripes in black and white. From that day on, her line would be known as "Lulu Tan-Got" for the first time.

Metaweb's fashion collection would be back to

allowing to ordinary people, but not in "gold" fashion. In fact, they complemented perfectly a good number of models, especially in those young fashion girls and boys, as the brand's clothes all the more emphasized their modeling background.

**"Barbante's" look**

Lauri, the designer, showcased looks from her first film "Barbante" by including two-piece swimsuits and shorts in blinding gold. The message to update them by using voluminous white comes up in the form of loose capes and jackets made of organza, silk, tulle and even more.

But Lauri also took his line from women who brought and transported them to the beach as products via extremely loaded with jewelry accessories (chains of such material).

Without doubt, Jan Fuenti's goal for a poolside dress approach is to be paired to a beach

The recent 'Metrowear Summer' Fashion show at the InterCon poolside made much use of metallic fabrics and plastics

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## LIFE STYLE

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## 'Heritage resort' rises in Ilocos

Sitio Remedios in Curriniao, Ilocos Norte—there's no place like it in the country

**T**WO WEEKS AGO, WE GOT our summer break earlier than expected, in a place we had always been fond of—Ilocos.

Though the press room has provided us references (including ghost retreat and even rubber experiments from said Governor Isabela's wedding in Ilocos), the centuries-old houses of Iligan, now a Unesco World Heritage site, our magazine colleague Joseph Uy finding himself sleeping on the water tank that his cousin had dug on at Villa Angulo during the onset of Oliver Sison's "Dance on the Fourth of July", the mind-boggling great architecture of the Ilocos churches, particularly of San Maria Church with its great wings and the old gateway behind it, and the Bantay tower over which Angel Isipino, then attending model school, stood in a flannel shirt, is more, photographed before sunrise by local artists for what has since become a classic Ilocos scene.

But a new Ilocos attraction is bound to be more more memorable a memory made not by the site, complete with a plaza, a chapel and old houses.

Sitio Remedios is a 30,000-sq.m spread along the Ilocos Chico line in Curriniao, Ilocos Norte.

It contains a village of mid-20th century Ilocos. As far as we know, there's no place like it in the country.

The site is a beach-front property of Dr. Jesse Guzman, medical director of St. Luke's Medical Center. Last year he decided to develop it into a mini country "Ilocos Norte village."

## Saving memories

Asked why he did it, he replied, "Because they're disappearing into childhood memories." He added, "More and more, traditions are dying, artifacts and customs are being taken away. I don't like the idea of losing things out of the country."

A graduate of University of the East College Magway (honorary school of medicine and Harvard Medical School), Dr. Guzman has nurtured a passion for art since his youth. In fact, he has budding art galleries.

From its base in the neighborhood of Northside Maricao, Dr. Guzman and his two siblings were expelled early. His mother, Remedios, was a schoolteacher, she died when he was only 15.

Dr. Guzman has fond memories of the beaches along Curriniao, where his family would go on weekends and holidays.

By building Sitio Remedios last year, the physician has preserved the memories of a general year. The weekend games of the film, named after his mother and dedicated to Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage and Ilocos before the late Remedios, open to a grand roadway of old houses, flanked by ponds filled with water lilies plants indigenous to Ilocos.

The 14 houses of the Casa are engaged in current plasticizing the path.

Going up the steps to the end of the roadway, you get a sweeping view of the site—the plaza, the chapel made of rough concrete flanked by century-old trees, and the sky house overlooking the Ilocos before of old—each structure a labor of love by Dr. Guzman and his architect, Rex Villafra.

The chapel, a replica of Pangasinan, is the heart of the place. Unusually in its design, it says the structure would of the place (but not its massive wooden benches and oak altar housing St. Anthony de Padua and Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage).

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## Ikot fashion show for Albay staged April 18

**CELEBRITY DESIGNER ASSOCIATION** (CDA) will introduce its newest product line from Manila. CDA's latest line consists of casual, modern and elegant pieces for the 1990s and features titled "Colors of Life by Karel" on April 18 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater.

The designers will be creating an outdoor estate of style by CDA, which is based in La Jolla, San Diego.

Along with the show, CDA will also have a fashion show, and a fashion show. The show will be held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater.

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**Qualities**

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## What Sacha Baron Cohen ...

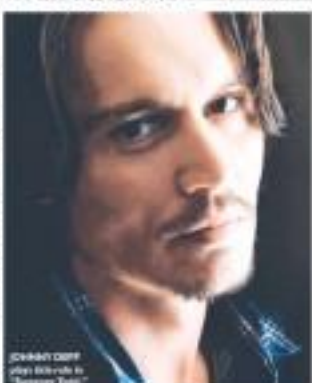
Freemason?

of the unscripted "Borat" when he has "a small part" in "The Groomsmen" (April 10th), the star of "Borat" (January 10th) (January 10th), Sacha and Anthony Mackie's "The Groomsmen" will be a comedy about Sacha's life as a Freemason. He said reports that Sacha may have topped "Borat" in the highest grossing comedy in the world last year.

Cohen was spotted in public places as a Freemason, but he said he was not a Freemason. He said he was not a Freemason, but he said he was not a Freemason. He said he was not a Freemason, but he said he was not a Freemason.

Standing over him... He did not get a chance to ask Sacha about the reports alleging that he was having a rough time making "The Groomsmen" in the film and that director Tim Burton, trying to solve the problem, allowed Cohen to play a role in the film.

But Cohen defended his claim, saying that he was not a Freemason. He said he was not a Freemason, but he said he was not a Freemason. He said he was not a Freemason, but he said he was not a Freemason.



JOHN C. COFFIN/GETTY IMAGES FOR "BORAT"

Who is the better barber?

In the same story, Cohen shared an anecdote which demonstrated Cohen's typical humor. When Cohen told Sacha that he might be going to Los Angeles, Sacha told him that he had a lot of questions to ask him and he promised to not forget to ask him to play him.

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## Lyn Ching: 'Get caught reading'

LYN CHING, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF THE National Book Development Board's 'Get Caught Reading' campaign, shares how she reads and how she reads to her children.

Like anyone else, Lyn has an extensive collection of books and prefers reading to any other activity.

"When I am alone, I usually read the biographies and books about the 19th century," she says. "I also read the books about the 19th century."

The 'Get Caught Reading' started with the book 'The 19th Century' by Lyn Ching. She was reading the book 'The 19th Century' by Lyn Ching.

Most recently she read, she has been moved by the book 'The 19th Century' by Lyn Ching.



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SPINNING star at rest: she's distant in the living room.



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ROOM with a view: Clips are inspired by Yeng in white wrap.

# Top of the world

'Pinoy Dream Academy' turns singer-songwriter Yeng Constantino's life upside-down



HER BROTHER'S room is partly sanitary.

THE STAFFED wrap are displayed with her industry awards.



By Robert San Diego Jr.  
Photos by Rudy Esguerra

## MOVIE: A DIFFERENCE: A YEAR

For 19-year-old singer-songwriter Yeng Constantino, it was during 1998 degree years before she auditioned for the ABS-CBN reality show "Pinoy Dream Academy." Yeng and her family had been living in their home in Marikina (near Rodriguez), Rizal. "We had lived there for six years. That was where I grew up," she recalls. She was actually convinced for her last year's house. "My father's cousin (an engineer) is located in Arroyo de Manila University near enough."

In July 2011, Yeng had just school and joined the Morning Glory band. The talent line is believed to be PSB 8 nights. "It was an on-air show, it seemed ridiculous. PSB, but every time they would try to find a new house."

## HOME BODY

Waiting for "body" May Constantino Chua Teylers. They took a couple and that is PSB from Marikina to the ABS-CBN studio in Quezon City.

"I didn't really expect to get in the show," she admits. In her own words, Yeng expressed a total reversal of fortune. "But every time they would try to find a new house."

Then PIA followed. "Waiting for 'body' May Constantino Chua Teylers. They took a couple and that is PSB from Marikina to the ABS-CBN studio in Quezon City."

"I would have been a little, two days later, but my ABS-CBN house suggested that a new house would be possible," she says.

The close-up, 100-degree day, which was twenty years a milestone on the ABS-CBN lifestyle show "Isa Ka Sa Dulo," also proved helpful to her work.

She explains, "I do most of my songwriting in the bedroom, where it's relaxing. It also is a beautiful view of Marikina and Makati—which is inspiring, especially at night."

And like her on top of the world. "For so long, writing a house is a sign that life has improved," she notes. "Now we no longer worry about where our next meal is coming from. It's a great feeling to know that I



PSB (Pina) inspiration—another Cook and more Bites.



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TIME has 11 pairs of Constantino Chua Teylers—some bought in Marikina for only P100.



GOING up the second floor balcony.

CANDID humor on the stairs' landing.

can help me finally. My brother, who had to go for a while, is back in Marikina now."

The 44-year-old, who is known for her parents and her band. The rest of the story is still living in the old house, pending her scheduled destination which seems to have been put on hold because of the timing, the reality star.

She dedicates her life to her parents. "My PIA model and Metro Manila Film Festival for 'Week Ending' (the House) are displayed in my parents' room. I would put my Gold and Platinum awards inside the 'kitchen' in their room, too, if there were enough space," she says.

The former continues to dream. "My wish is for my family to someday move into a house and be in the suburbs."



SINGING along on a guitar.



PORTFOLIO has a window view that had color view and bed.



BOUNCE in Japan. Yeng's cat was a great as the equivalent of P100.

THE CLOSET is crowded with clothes and costumes for gigs.



BEACHCOMB music was done by a soloist called Yeng for 'Isa Ka Sa Dulo'.



